

REMARKS

The Examiner's Amendment dated October 17, 2011 states that claims 1 and 11 were amended to include the limitations of claim 8. Applicants first note that the independent claims in the present application are claims 6 and 11 and that claim 1 was previously canceled. Accordingly, it is clear that Examiner Leach intended to amend claim 6, not claim 1, to include the limitations of claim 8, as is shown in the claims presented above. Applicants also suggest amending claims 6 and 11 to include the limitations of claim 8 at the ends of claims 6 and 11, as shown above, because adding the "wherein" clause in the middle of each of claims 6 and 11, as done in the Examiner's Amendment, results in confusing claim language. Applicants' undersigned representative, Mr. Mehall, spoke with Examiner Leach today, December 13, 2011, and Examiner Leach indicated that these changes seemed acceptable.


Additionally, the Examiner's Amendment canceled claims 8, 12 and 13. As confirmed via a telephone conversation between Mr. Mehall and Examiner Leach on October 26, 2011, the cancellation of claim 13 was in error. Accordingly, Examiner Leach acknowledged that claim 13 is allowed.

Applicants thank Examiner Leach for her courtesy during the telephone conversations and issuance of claims 6, 7, 9 to 11 and 13 as presented above is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that no fees are due as a result of this amendment. In the event of a fee discrepancy, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,

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